

completion of that tie between economic and political freedom last Friday.

We were very privileged, as I said, to be able to represent the United States. Our governor, Gray Davis, was the first governor of California since Earl Warren to attend an inauguration of a Mexican president. I believe the significance of that and the representation that we had from the United States is very, very important.

President Fox has a very interesting challenge ahead of him, but he had some moving remarks in his inaugural address. He talked about the challenge of improving the economy and making sure that no one in Mexico is left behind. He said, "We can't have islands of prosperity amidst seas of poverty." His commitment to ensuring that the children of Mexico are addressed, their needs are addressed and taken care of, his commitment to making sure that we see further deregulation so that the small business sector of Mexico can thrive is very, very important.

I will say that there is another issue that is very important, especially for my State of California, dealing with the challenge of illegal immigration which has been very great. President Fox is the first Mexican president to come forward and state unequivocally that Mexico needs every Mexican, meaning that he wants to create an economy so that people in Mexico will not have an incentive to flee across the border into the United States.

I am very, very encouraged about this wonderful relationship that we are going to have with Mr. Fox. I am convinced that the encouragement which we have provided through that election process has been very, very key to the success that we are seeing. I look forward to working with him and with my colleagues to strengthen this very, very important relationship.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARR of Georgia) at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 126, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order

at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (House Joint Resolution 126) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. DEFAZIO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal business.

Mr. DIXON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. PASTOR (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 6:15 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. GUTKNECHT (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and December 5 on account of a death in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BONILLA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOODLATTE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, December 5.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2796. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related

resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

September 19, 2000:

H.R. 4040. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of such title, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2000:

H.R. 1729. An act to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela S. Gwin Hall."

H.R. 1901. An act to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station."

H.R. 1959. An act to designate the Federal building located at 643 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center."

H.R. 4608. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greenville, Tennessee, as the "James H. Quillen United States Courthouse."

September 29, 2000:

H.J. Res. 109. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

October 6, 2000:

H.R. Res. 110. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 940. An act to designate the Lackawanna Valley and the Schuylkill River National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2909. An act to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4919. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Exports Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5193. An act to amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the downpayment simplification provisions for the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program.

October 10, 2000:

H.J. Res. 72. Joint resolution granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact.

H.R. 999. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2647. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes.